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July 9, 2009

Mr. Emil Kolb
Regional Chair and Chief Executive Officer
The Regional Municipality of Peel
10 Peel Centre Drive
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Dear Mr. Kolb:

Thank you for your letter of June 9, 2009 regarding Regional Council's Resolution No. 2009-605 requesting that the province establish a program plan for disposable diapers and other hygiene products. I also received correspondence from Mr. Bob Delaney, MPP for Mississauga-Streetsville, on your behalf.

As you know, the province has been aggressively moving the waste diversion agenda over the past few years. We have introduced the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Program, the Household Hazardous or Special Waste Program and the Used Tires Diversion Program. Diverting material from disposal and recovering the resources contained in products and packages at the end of their useful life is the cornerstone of Ontario's evolving approach to waste management.

Council's resolution touches on key elements of the dialogue currently taking place through our review of the *Waste Diversion Act, 2002* (WDA) - namely, what responsibility should producers have for their products, particularly when they are not easily recycled? I certainly recognize the impact of products such as disposable diapers, and appreciate that such materials present challenges for waste management systems.

Also, as part of our WDA review, we are examining extended producer responsibility programs in other jurisdictions, and are consulting with stakeholders to determine the most appropriate approach for designating materials for diversion programs. I will certainly consider the Regional Municipality of Peel's perspective as we move forward with the WDA review.

Thank you, again, for bringing Council's resolution to my attention.

Sincerely,

John Gerretsen
Minister

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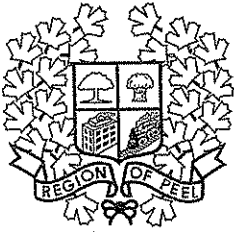
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c: Mr. Bob Delaney, MPP, Mississauga-Streetsville

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June 9, 2009

Resolution No. 2009-605

Honourable John Gerresten
 Minister of the Environment
 Ministry of the Environment
 135 St. Clair Ave. W, 12th Floor
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Dear Minister *John* Gerresten:

Subject: Diaper Recycling

I am writing to advise that Regional Council approved the following resolution at its meeting held on June 4, 2009:

Whereas, the Regional Municipality of Peel is responsible for the collection and processing of waste for over one million residents in the Region;

And whereas, disposable diapers and incontinence and sanitary hygiene products in the Region of Peel comprise approximately five per cent of the waste stream;

And whereas, the Regional Municipality of Peel is concerned with decisions made by manufacturers to market non-recoverable products;

And whereas, presently there is no viable technology to recycle diapers in Ontario;

And whereas, non-recoverable products increase municipal collection, processing and disposal costs;

And whereas, staff of the Regional Municipality of Peel will continue to monitor new technologies for diaper recycling;

And whereas, extended producer responsibility for non-recoverable products is under consideration in other jurisdictions;

Therefore be it resolved, that the Ontario Minister of the Environment be requested to direct Stewardship Ontario, through Waste Diversion Ontario (WDO), to:

- a) establish a Program Plan to deal with disposable diapers, incontinence and sanitary hygiene products, with deadlines and action plans to be approved by the Minister; and